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<b>DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION</b>		<b>Number:</b> 1043-037
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Advisory Committees to the PIECs		<b>DATE:</b> December 5, 2000
		<b>OPI:</b> Forest Service

1 PURPOSE

- a This regulation renews the Provincial Advisory Committees (PACs) to the Provincial Interagency Executive Committees (PIECs) for 12 provinces, which are areas set up under the Northwest Forest Plan. The PIECs facilitate the successful implementation of the Record of Decision for Amendments to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (ROD) of April 13, 1994. They consist of representatives of some or all of the following Federal agencies: the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the PACs is to advise the PIECs on coordinating the implementation of the ROD. Each PAC provides advice regarding implementation of a comprehensive ecosystem management strategy for Federal land within a province (provinces are defined in the ROD at E19). The PACs provide advice and recommendations to promote better integration of forest management activities among Federal and non-Federal entities to ensure that such activities are complementary.
- b The PACs operate in the public interest in that they provide local forums where Federal agencies, particularly those within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), can develop ways to better coordinate activities with non-Federal entities. The ROD provides direction to the Forest Service and the BLM for developing an ecosystem management approach that is consistent with statutory authority for land use planning, such as the Forest Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, the National Forest Management Act, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. (See the ROD, page 5.) Ecosystem management at the province level requires improved coordination among governmental entities responsible for land management decisions and the public they serve.

## 2 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a Departmental Regulation DR 1043-37, dated November 3, 1998, is hereby superseded.
- b This regulation will expire 2 years from the date of filing.
- c The functions of PACs cannot be completed in less than 2 years. In accordance with Departmental Regulations unless renewed, the PACs will terminate 2 years from the date of filing of the charter.

## 3 OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP

- a Each PAC will consist of no more than 29 members. Members will include:
  - (1) One representative of the Environmental Protection Agency;
  - (2) One representative of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
  - (3) One representative of the Forest Service;
  - (4) One representative of the BLM in each province where lands administered by BLM occur in the province;
  - (5) One representative of the National Park Service in each province where a national park occurs in the province;
  - (6) One representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service;
  - (7) One representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
  - (8) Up to a maximum of three representatives of the government of each State within whose boundaries all or a portion of the province is located (the State agencies/departments to be represented will be determined by the Federal officials described in Paragraphs 3a(1) through 3a(7);
  - (9) One representative of each county government within whose boundaries all or a portion of the province is located, up to a maximum of three county representatives;

- (10) One representative of each Tribal government whose reservation, ceded land, or usual and accustomed areas are within all or a portion of the province, up to a maximum of three Tribal representatives;
- (11) Two representatives of environmental interests;
- (12) Two representatives of different sectors of the forest products industry;
- (13) Two representatives of the recreation and tourism sectors;
- (14) Three to five representatives of the following interests when those interests are determined by the Federal officials described in Paragraphs 3a(1) through 3a(7) to be needed on the respective provincial committee:
  - Fish, wildlife, or forestry conservation organizations; special forest products interests, mining interests, grazing interests, and commercial fishing or charter fishing boat industry interests; and other interests that help achieve the purpose of this Charter.
- (15) Up to a total of three representatives from the following Federal agencies when the jurisdiction or authority of those agencies are determined by the Federal officials described in Paragraphs 3a(1)(a) through 3a(1)(g) to be needed on the respective provincial committee:
  - Bureau of Reclamation, USGS National Biological Division, Forest Service Research, United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Geological Survey, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Defense, and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The PACs may invite a representative of the State Community Economic Revitalization Team (CERT), or its equivalent, to participate as an ex-officio member.

In the event a member is unable to attend a meeting of a PAC, or a meeting of one of its subcommittees/working groups, that member may send a designee to represent him or her at the meeting.

- b The Chairperson of each PAC will alternate annually between the Forest Service representative and the BLM representative in provinces where both agencies administer lands. When the BLM is not represented on the PIEC, the Forest Service representative will serve as Chairperson. The Chairperson, or designated agency employee, will

serve as the Designated Federal Official under Sections 10 (e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.

- c Appointments to the PACs will be made by the Regional Forester, Region 6 after recommendation(s) by the PIEC and consultation with the State Director, BLM, Oregon State Office, when appropriate (in provinces where the BLM administers land), and the Regional Interagency Executive Committee. The Regional Forester, Region 6 also shall consult with the Regional Forester, Region 5, when appropriate. The BLM State Director, Oregon State Office, shall consult with the BLM State Director, California State Office, when appropriate.
- d Equal opportunity practices in line with USDA policies will be followed in all appointments to the PACs. To ensure that the recommendations of the PACs have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

#### 4 DUTIES

- a The PACs provide advice and recommendations to the PIECs regarding the coordinated implementation of the ROD.
- b The PACs provide advice on provincial level analyses and monitoring, provide a forum for information exchange, and encourage complementary ecosystem management among Federal and non-Federal land managers.
- c The PACs may establish such working groups or subcommittees as they may find necessary. Working groups may include individuals who are not members of a PAC and may be community-based groups that would provide advice and recommendations to a PAC on land management issues related to the Adaptive Management Areas or other land-use classifications described in Attachment A of the ROD.

#### 5 ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS

- a Members or designees serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel and per diem expenses for attendance at PAC and/or subcommittee or working group meetings called by the Chairperson of

the PAC or the subcommittee/working group. Travel and per diem expenses will be submitted on vouchers signed by the Forest Service representative to the PAC.

- b Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$500,000 and 6 staff years of support.

## 6 NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- a The PACs will meet as often as is necessary to complete their business.
- b Sixty percent (60%) of the members of each PAC shall constitute a quorum.

## 7 REPORTS/SUPPORT

- a The PACs report to the PIECs.
- b Support for the PACs will be provided by the Forest Service for the life of this charter.

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